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SUBJECT: GOP TALKS TOUGH ON KIDNAPPING

REF: MANILA 9670

1. ACCORDING AUGUST 3 MANILA PRESS, SECDEF ENRILE HAS ORDERED MILITARY TO WAGE "EXTERMINATION" CAMPAIGN AGAINST KIDNAPPERS. ORDER ISSUED FOLLOWING RASH OF PUBLICIZED KIDNAPPINGS INCLUDING CAWLEY EPISODE (REFTEL) AND SEVERAL MORE RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING FILIPINO VICTIMS (USUALLY BUSINESSMEN) IN ZAMBOANGA AND BASILAN. SUBSEQUENT TO ENRILE'S STATEMENT, TOP MILITARY COMMANDER IN SOUTH, ADMIRAL ESPALDON, REPEATED "NO MERCY" POLICY ENUNCIATED BY ENRILE AND ORDERED ARREST AND INDEFINITE DETENTION OF RELATIVES OF KIDNAPPERS UNLESS THEY FREE HOSTAGES.

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2. COMMENT: AS ALWAYS, ACTIONS WILL SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.

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GOP FACES DISTINCT TACTICAL DILEMNA WITH REGARD TO
HANDLING OF MUSLIM TERRORISTS IN THAT HARSH PUNITIVE
MEASURES TEND TO (A) EXCITE SYMPATHY AMONG OTHER MUSLIMS
AND (B) GENERATE DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE ON PART OF
RELATIVES. ONE INDICATOR OF GOP'S FUTURE PERFORMANCE
MAY COME WITH MILITARY TRIAL OF THREE SURVIVING MUSLIMS
WHO HIJACKED PAL AIRLINE IN DAVAO ON MAY 23. TRIAL
WAS ANNOUNCED AUGUST 5 AND ACCUSED COULD GET DEATH
PEANALTY FOR HIJACKING AND MURDER.
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